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The following observations were made in Rathenow (N 53/Z 15) between 30 January and 15 February 1950:

## 1. Barracks on Breitscheidstrasse:

## a. Matzner Kaserne (northern section of the street):

occupied by an artillery unit [REDACTED]

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## b. Donaumont (pionier) Kaserne (middle section of the street):

occupied by about 1,500 artillery troops. Source knew that 150-mm guns were in the storage buildings before Christmas 1949. However, no guns were seen at the time of observation.

Motor vehicles [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were seen at the barracks.\*

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## c. Infanterie Kaserne (southern section of the street):

occupied by artillery units. [REDACTED]

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d. Soviet capt ghinko (phonetic spelling) has an apartment in the kommandatura building and is stationed in the Pionier Kaserne. [REDACTED]

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## 2. Four trucks, each towing a gun of about 100 mm caliber (about 3-meter long barrel from shield to muzzle, muzzle brake) left the barracks on 14 February 1950. [REDACTED]

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## 3. The following observations were made on 15 February 1950:

a. Barracks at the North Railroad Station: Gate guards were artillerymen.

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b. Ziethen Kaserne on Bahnhofstrasse: Gate guards were artillerymen.

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a. According to previous reports by various sources [redacted] most of the Rathenow barracks are occupied by artillery units of the IV Arty corps:

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b. Capt Shinko is not known. He probably belongs to an artillery unit in the Wald Kaserne , [redacted]

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\* Barracks on Breitscheidstrasse (also referred to as barracks at the North Railroad Station or Wald Kaserne ) house artillery components of both the ? No (10th ?) Gun Brig and the ? No. (118th ?) Hvy How Brig, both subordinate to the 6th Arty Div.

\*\* Ziethen Kaserne houses headquarters elements of the IV Arty Corps and the 6th Arty Div.

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